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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, LY, US

SUBJECT: NOMINATION OF LIBYAN AMBASSADOR TO U.S.

REF: STATE 86624

1. WE HAVE UNCOVERED STARTLING BIT OF INFORMATION WHICH MAY EXPLAIN MFA'S UNWILLINGNESS TO TALK ABOUT MOHAMMED YUNIS KHALIFA AL-MASMARI'S RECENT CAREER, AND OUR LACK OF POST-REVOLUTION BIO INFORMATION CONCERNING HIM. LIST OF DEFENDANTS AT TRIAL OF OLD REGIME ARMY OFFICERS BEFORE PEOPLE'S COURT, WHICH CONVENED LAST APRIL (TRIPOLI A-16), INCLUDES ONE MUHAMMAD YUNIS AL-MASMARI, ALMOST CERTAINLY SAME MAN. COURT NEVER HANDED DOWN SENTANCES, BUT IS NOW MEETING AGAIN WITH REDUCED LIST OF DEFENDANTS, PRESUMABLY NOT INCLUDING AL-MASMARI.

2. PROSECUTION'S INDICTMENT, PUBLISHED IN PRESS AT TIME, SAID THAT AL-MASMARI WAS ONE OF GROUP OF SEVEN DEFENDANTS (ONE OF TOTAL OF 59) ACCUSED OF "CORRUPTING THE GOVT, BY WAY OF DAMAGING THE PUBLIC TREASURY, AS A MEMBER OF A COMMITTEE ENTRUSTED WITH DRAWING UP PLANS FOR COMMUNICATIONS INSTALLATIONS TOGETHER AND IN CONSULTATION WITH THE FNS (SIC) COMPANY, INSTALLATIONS WHICH WERE TO COVER THE TERRITORY OF LIBYA, AS THEY DID NOT OBSERVE THE APPROPRIATE PRICES AND WERE NOT PRECISE IN SEEING THAT THE CONTRACTS WERE CARRIED  
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OUT, AND NEGLECTED TO SEE THAT GUARANTEES OF CRIMINAL

PENALTIES WERE INCLUDED FOR DELAYS AND FAULTS IN KEEPING  
TO THE CONTRACT SPECIFICATIONS".  
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